



AMENDED CLAIMS IN CLEAN FORM

8. (Twice Amended) A computer implemented method for controlling a universal set-top-box (STB), said method comprising the acts of:

receiving digital data in a plurality of channels and an electronic program guide (EPG) indicating the nature of data transmitted in each of said plurality of channels, wherein a first one of said plurality of channels includes a data-on-demand program providing on-demand data in a non client specific format, said EPG indicating that said data-on-demand program includes a first data file being represented by a first plurality of data blocks, said first plurality of data blocks being provided sequentially within time slots in a manner such that a user of said universal STB may at any time begin accessing said first data file within one time slot, and wherein no request for said data-on-demand program was sent to a transmission source;

providing said EPG data to said user of said universal STB;

receiving a data processing instructions from said user of said universal STB requiring access of said first data file; and

implementing said instructions from said user of said universal STB.